GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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VACANT POSTS OF DIVISIONAL HEADS IN IASRI
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the posts of Head of Division at Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute have been lying vacant for nearly two years;

(b) if so, the reasons for not making regular appointments;

(c) whether any, stop-gap arrangements/interim appointments were made against these posts during the said period;

(d) if so, the details of such appointments;

(e) whether these appointments were made in accordance with the ICAR guidelines for interim appointments; and

(f) if not, the remedial action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Recruitment action could not be initiated pending Council`s decision on the recommendations of Quinquennial Review Team for phasing out/merger/change in the nomenclature of the Divisions.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Out of four divisions interim arrangements of two divisions have been made by giving the charge to the senior most Principal Scientists on acting basis and the charge of the remaining two Divisions is with Director, IASRI.

(e) & (f): The guidelines for appointments of Heads of Divisions inter-alia provide that in the absence of regular Heads of Divisions interim arrangement can be made by giving charge to the senior most Principal Scientist in the Division.The guidelines do not preclude the Director of the Institute to take charge of any Division in the absence of regular Head of Division.